INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDENT WORKSHOP ON THE MEMORY OF NAZI CRIMES
17. to 26. October 2019 in Gdansk, Riga and Stutthof.

Under the title "Rethinking Memory Culture", three international workshops have been conducted from 2016-2018, taking place in the city of Łódź and at the Centrum Dialogu Marek Edelmann. During the workshops, media-, design-, art- and public history students from Germany, Poland and Norway have developed commemoration concepts, dealing with future orientated communication of the Holocaust. The aim was to bring historical and political relevance to a contemporary and particularly young audience. The cultural and educational diversity among the students made the workshops a very interesting field of research, and an outstanding area for international educational cooperation.

A total number of 82 students, teachers and organizers have been involved during these three workshops, representing the nationalities of Poland, Norway, Germany, China, Pakistan, USA, Iran and Brasil. The following universities were jointly participating in the three workshops: The University of Applied Sciences in Lemgo (Germany), The University of Bergen (Norway), Volda University College (Norway), The University of Łódź (Poland), The Strzeminski Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź (Poland) and Freie Universität Berlin (Germany).

This year - in october 2019, our network will debut with a new workshop taking place in Riga, Gdansk and Stutthof: A cooperation between the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial (Hamburg, Germany) and the University of Applied Sciences in Lemgo, together with Volda University College, Freie Universität Berlin, the Stutthof Concentration Camp Memorial (Poland), the University of Bergen, the Latvian Academy of Culture (Latvia), The Marek Edelman Dialogue Center in Lodz and the Žanis-Lipke-Museum (Latvia).

The workshop starts thursday, 17th of October in Gdansk. According to our research, most arrivals from Germany, Norway and Poland are in the morning. We will visit the WW2 Museum in Gdansk in the afternoon. On Saturday, we will travel to Riga, staying there until tuesday, 22nd, when returning to Gdansk. Back there, we will stay close to the Stutthof Concentration Camp for the rest of the workshop. Final presentations will be arranged friday, 25th, and the day after, evaluations are taking place. Most of the participants will travel home either that saturday or sunday. A detailed schedule will be provided before the workshop.
The workshop is aiming at being fully financed - accommodations, several food expenses, entrance fees and flights between Gdansk and Riga will be covered. However, the students should be prepared to eventually finance their initial journey to Gdansk and back home by themselves, in case the budget won’t hold.

The final list of participants must be settled by Friday, 20th of September due to binding flight- and accommodation reservations. Cancellations later than this day might cause refund claims for the Gdansk-Riga flight.

Preparation-meetings in the institutions before meeting in Gdansk should be scheduled, and the groups might prepare some research results. Additionally, a short motivation letter from each student is required, explaining their reason to take part in this workshop. And finally, everybody is asked to evaluate the project in the end of the workshop.

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